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Argentina and Ecuador: proposed text for inclusion in the Committee's report

The Committee discussed the suggestion contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 940 (XXXV) that the United Nations should "consider, in connexion with arrangements for the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration in 1968, the preparation and publication of a history of the Declaration and other international instruments on human rights, with special reference to progress already achieved, current endeavours and work remaining to be done in the field of human rights and with a brief and objective account of the role of the United Nations in the process of decolonization".

Bearing in mind the objectives laid down in General Assembly resolution 1961 (XVIII) and resolution 6 (XX) of the Commission on Human Rights, and with a view to making a positive response to the suggestion of the Economic and Social Council, the Committee recommends the following:

1. The United Nations would publish a short "History of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other instruments on human rights" as a brochure available to the general public, schools, institutions, etc., which would be disseminated as widely as possible. The form and content of the brochure would be decided upon later.

2. The United Nations would publish, in collaboration with the specialized agencies concerned, a "World Report on Human Rights, 1967". This report would review the development of efforts to secure full respect for human rights in the national sphere and the progress achieved during the period 1945 - 1967. It would also contain an account of the work done by the United Nations and the specialized agencies, and a general appraisal of it. The document would be prepared by the Secretariats of the United Nations and the specialized agencies concerned.

The report would comprise the following sections:

(a) Introduction: in which the scope of the report and the general trends observed during the period 1945-1967 would be explained;

(b) Juridical section: in which there would be general references to the inclusion of human rights provisions in constitutions and laws, and to important legal decisions on human rights;

(c) A section devoted to education and the dissemination of the principles of the Universal Declaration: in which an account would be given of the efforts made through teaching in primary and secondary schools, universities, special courses, the use of information media, etc.;

(d) A section devoted to the activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies concerned (UNESCO, ILO, WHO, FAO) in the field of human rights.

3. The question of what still remains to be done with regard to human rights and possible supplementary measures, and the appraisals, should be left to the experts who will prepare the technical studies for submission to the international meeting in 1968.